



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 12 September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very big WELCOME and well done to our new Reception children, you've been amazing during your first week of school. You've settled in so well and our staff have loved getting to know you better. It was also lovely to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We hope you found them useful.

Autumn Term Clubs

All clubs start next Monday. Morning clubs start at 8.10 am and children should not arrive before 8.05am. If your child is not attending an after school club an adult must let the office know. Thank you.

West Stow

Year 3 had the most wonderful day out at West Stow on Wednesday. They explored the reconstructed Anglo-Saxon settlement, visited the museum and even had a chance to dress up! It was a great introduction to their current topic. A big thank you to all of the parent helpers for joining in too!



Play Equipment

All the playground equipment is out of bounds to children at the end of the school day. Please can you ensure your children are not climbing on the equipment once you have collected them and that you leave the site swiftly so we can secure it for our club and Late Play children. Thank you for your support.

Instrumental Lessons available for Junior Children

If your child is interested in piano, clarinet, saxophone or oboe, Mr Meyrick, one of our peripatetic music teachers has some spaces. Please email Jay on jauger@rab.academy to express an interest.

Message from the Safer Essex Road Partnership—E-Scooters

The use of privately owned e-scooters in public spaces (roads, pavements, cycle tracks, parks etc.) is against the law for anyone, but use by children is leading to serious injuries and worse. Those unaware of the law, or the risks to their children, may be considering buying one as a gift. Unfortunately, it is not illegal to buy one and the shops and on-line outlets do not make it clear enough that they may only be used on privately owned land.

1. **Privately owned e-scooters (most of which are plain black for example) are illegal for anyone of any age to ride in any public place.** These E-scooters you can buy from shops like Halfords and Smyths or online can only be used on privately owned land, with the landowner's permission.

2. Parents providing an e-scooter for their child are putting them at risk on the roads. The children are unlikely to be aware of the Highway Code, are unlikely to wear a helmet or anything to make them visible to other road users, are unlikely to have the observation skills required, are likely to carry a passenger making the scooter unstable and, travelling at speeds of 15mph, are likely to be seriously injured if they fall off or are involved in a collision.

[e-Scooter-A5-leaflet-V3.pdf](#) This leaflet also explains the legal difference between the trial e-scooters for hire and some of the risks associated with riding.

Diary Dates Next Week

w/c 15 Sept	Autumn Clubs Start
15-19 Sept	Lunch Menu Week 3
15 Sept	Y4 Ancient Egypt Day
19 Sept	Y5&6 Swimming @ LBLC

31 Oct **Deadline for Sept 2026 Y7 Applications**
<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>



Future Diary Dates		
24 Sept	Junior Flu Immunisations (Infants after half term)	22 & 23 Oct Individual & Sibling Photos
6 Oct	Y2 Wonderdome Planetarium	27-31 Oct Half-term
7 Oct	Reception Harvest Festival 9-9.20am	31 Oct Deadline for Sept 26 Y7 Applications
17 Oct	Y6 Young Shakespeare	3 Nov Inset Day School Closed to Children
20 Oct	Y6 Roman Day HOTP	4 Nov Children return to school
20-24 Oct	Parent Consultations	17 Dec 1.30pm End of term
		6 Jan Children return to school

You can find term dates for this year and next [here](#).

October Half-Term Holiday Clubs

Looking for things for your children to do over half term....? Next Thing will be running a Tech Club at RAB during the October half term, see details below. Please contact the providers directly about these clubs, the school is unable to help with your enquiries.

October half term is fast approaching — and if you're looking for exciting, fun-filled childcare with a difference, we've got you covered! We're thrilled to announce our October Tech & STEM Camp at **R A Butler Infant and Junior School**, running on the **27th - 31st October**.

Perfect for children aged 5–11, our camps combine hands-on technology with creativity, giving young learners the chance to explore coding, robotics, engineering, and more in a safe, engaging, and spooky Halloween-themed environment!

This year's camp is packed with spook-tacular activities your child won't want to miss:

Revoluting Robotics & Creepy Coding

Program robots with wild tricks, from dancing to answering spooky questions.

Crazy Circuits & Animation

Build circuits and bring your ideas to life with stop-motion and digital animation.

LEGO Robotics & Coding Adventures

Bring LEGO creations to life with WeDo2, learning engineering basics and simple coding along the way

Monstrous Media

Film, photograph, and edit like a pro using our media equipment.

Spooky Science, MINECRAFT & Virtual Worlds

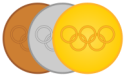

Launch hair-raising rockets, conjure up Minecraft marvels and step into spine-tingling VR adventures!

- ~ Safe, fun, and educational childcare during half term
- ~ Hands-on access to cutting-edge tech
- ~ A Halloween twist that makes learning even more exciting
- ~ Expert instructors who make STEM engaging and inspiring

Pricing & Booking—£39.99 per day or 5 days for £175 (We accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare)

Spaces are filling fast – book now: <https://www.nextthing.education/product/r-a-butler-infant-and-junior-school/>

 Stars of the Week	
Reception Phoebe C Cora B	Jack R Skye W Ernie B Lexi T
Year 1 William J Florence H	Thomas S Atarah F Eddie C Remy H
Year 2 Oscar S Ben B	Ivy B Jack W Declan H Paige E
Year 3 Phoenix F Alma S	Harry K Bea J Martha-Mae T Ted H
Year 4 Oliver C Lucy M	Herbie S Ava K Wilf C Aaron F
Year 5 Ralph L Ella D	Willow T Finlay F Monty S Iris M
Year 6 Mabel B Jack E	Alex P Isla S Andrej S Amelia-Mae C
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	1RB 6SM

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
BRONZE	SILVER Albie F	GOLD
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD